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Applicants : Andreas POHL, et al.  
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Hon. Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

a1 2. (amended) Device according to Claim 1, further comprising [characterized in that this additionally has] at least one absorber mass (113), which is connected to the mass (11) by means of a spring/damper element (115) which can be connected up if required.